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Dear Sirs,

Although this issue isn't connected directly with US Antitrust laws, I thought you should be aware of Microsoft Israel's ("MSI") behaviour.

Microsoft Israel were announced as a Monopoly by the Head of the Antitrust authority in Israel, Adv. Dror Shturm, a couple of months ago. But such an announcement hasn't made MSI change it's behaviour towards Macintosh users in Israel. For a couple of years now, Macintosh users in Israel are requesting again, and again, that Microsoft Office for the Macintosh would support the Hebrew language. An issue that is taken for granted in the PC platform.

MSI keeps refusing to do so, stating that they do not have the knowledge nor manpower to perform such a task. A deeper investigation of the matter, and discussions between Apple France and MSI, revealed the sad fact that MSI were "ordered" by MS, NOT to localize Microsoft Office to hebrew, no matter what ! Their concern is that people in Israel would actually prefer Macintosh computers, rather than Windows based PCs.

There is alot more to be said about this. But, the bottom line is, that MS and MSI are intensionally damaging the free competition in the Israeli computer software market. Misuse of market power is an Antitrust felony, if I'm not mistaking.

Please consider this issue. I would be glad to provide more information on this matter, by demand.

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